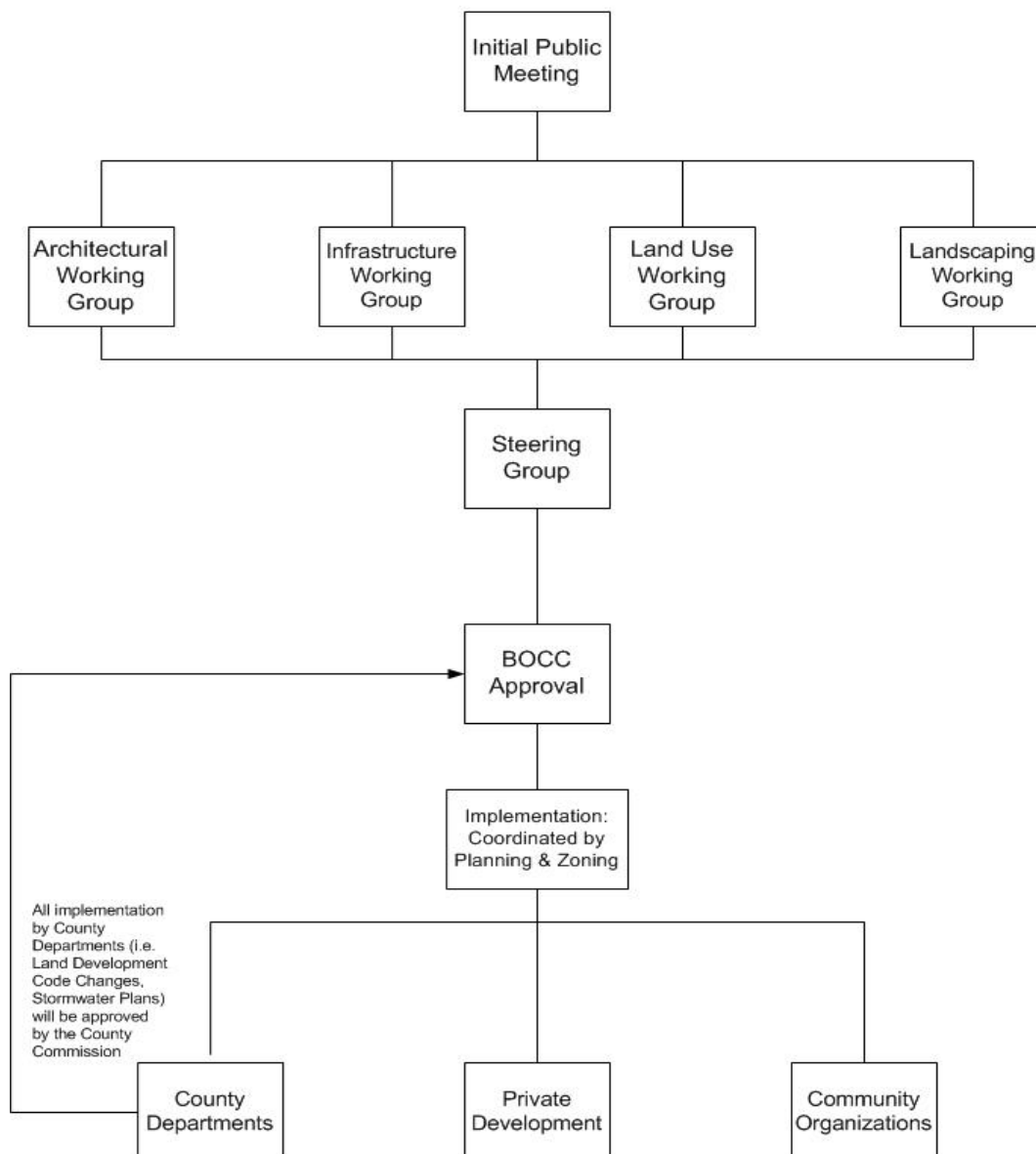


Planning Process

The Navarre Town Center Plan was derived from a citizen-centered and community driven process. This is a plan for the community, by the community. The process of developing and implementing the plan is described in the following paragraphs and a flowchart of the project appears below.

Navarre Town Center Plan Process



The project kickoff was held in March 2004 with a large public workshop at Holley-Navarre Middle School. At this workshop, participants were divided into four small “buzz” groups. The grouping was entirely random, as it was based on the color of the participant’s name tag. These groups were asked to discuss six questions:

- ◆ Where is Navarre?
 - Where does it begin & end?
 - Where are the boundaries?
 - What characteristics make a place a part of Navarre?
- ◆ What is good about this community, what are its strengths?
- ◆ What are the major weaknesses of the Navarre community?
- ◆ What are the major opportunities in Navarre?
- ◆ Are there any major threats to the quality of life in Navarre?
- ◆ How should Navarre look different in the next 20 years, what should stay the same?

Answers and key points were recorded on flip charts and presented to the larger group at the end of the meeting. A matrix of the responses appears in Appendix A.

Also at this meeting, participants were asked to volunteer for one or more working groups. In an effort to encourage as much citizen participation as possible, no individual was appointed to these four working groups.

- Architecture
- Infrastructure
- Land Use
- Landscaping

The working groups were defined in the background and data collection phase of the project. Each group was tasked with addressing specific issues impacting Navarre. At each working group’s first meeting, information from the public workshops was presented. This information was used to develop a work plan for the group and guide the recommendations made.

Each working group selected two captains to represent them on a Steering Group. The purpose of the Steering Group was to:



- Reconcile any conflicting recommendations from the working groups
- Determine if district boundaries should be contracted or expanded based on the group recommendations
- Consider timelines for improvements and note any conflicts
- Consider funding mechanisms and make some recommendations on funding alternatives

The representatives on the Steering group are listed in the Introduction section of the document. Only seven members are listed; one captain from the Infrastructure Group failed to attend any of the Steering Group meetings.

Following the Steering Group meetings, recommendations were solidified and presented at a second large public workshop on September 13, 2004. The Plan was scheduled to be considered by the Santa Rosa County Board of Commissioners on September 22, 2004, but that meeting was cancelled due to Hurricane Ivan. Please see the final section of this document for more information on how Ivan impacted this plan.

The Board of County Commissioners is scheduled to consider this plan on October 28, 2004 at their regular meeting.

After adoption of the plan, the implementation phase will begin. This phase is described in more detail in a later section.